

## **11.0 TIVERTON TOMORROW** (*italics represent changes to current plan*)

This *final chapter of the Tiverton Comprehensive Community Plan* assigns responsibility for attainment of the goals, objectives and policies contained in the preceding chapters. Additionally, it establishes a time frame for their accomplishment and assigns responsibility for keeping each element of the Comprehensive *Community Plan* current.

### **11.1 Continuous Planning**

The adoption of a Comprehensive *Community Plan* should be part of a continuous planning process for Tiverton. The Town Council, Planning Board, *all other boards and commissions*, and all town agencies *and departments* should use this document for guidance in *decision making*, regulatory actions and allocation of public funds. Town *departments* should also actively contribute to the required five-year updates of the plan to ensure it reflects the needs and desires of the community.

A fundamental purpose of this plan is to formulate guidance for land use decisions. State law requires that the town zoning ordinance be reviewed and changed as necessary to conform to the Comprehensive *Community Plan*. This review of Tiverton's zoning ordinance by the Planning Board will be the first and more fundamental implementation action following adoption of the plan. The Planning Board, as the custodian of the Comprehensive *Community Plan*, also has the responsibility to update the plan every five years.

### **11.2 Plan Implementation**

Each of the plan elements in Chapters 4 through 10 contain numerous "policies" to accomplish the overall goal and the objectives of the respective plan element. In *Figure 11-1* that follows, those policies are tabulated with the town *body* that will implement them *identified*. The table also indicates the *general* time frame for implementation.

An annual review of the implementation progress will be made by the Planning Board, and a report made to the Town Council. This report could be timed to fit into the annual budget process.

By linking the annual budget process to a review of the Comprehensive *Community Plan*, elements requiring capital or operating budget allocations can be reprioritized annually based on changing conditions and needs. The annual budget proposal will thus be linked to the long-range plan and vision of the town, and will include input from the Planning Board.